UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 25, 2023

RIGETTI COMPUTING, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-40140 88-0950636
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

775 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710
(Address of principal executive offices)

(510) 210-5550
(Registrant’s telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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<td>Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of $11.50 per share</td>
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐
Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On January 25, 2023, Rigetti Computing, Inc. (the “Company”) received a letter from the Listing Qualifications Department of The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC, (“Nasdaq”), indicating that, based on the closing bid price for the previous 30 consecutive business days, the listing of the Company’s common stock was not in compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) to maintain a minimum bid price of $1.00 per share (the “Bid Price Rule”).

Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A) provides a compliance period of 180 calendar days, or until July 24, 2023 (the “Compliance Date”), to regain compliance. If at any time during this 180-day period the closing bid price of the Company’s common stock is at least $1.00 for a minimum of ten consecutive business days, the Company will regain compliance. If the Company is unable to regain compliance before the Compliance Date, the Company may be eligible for an additional 180 calendar days to satisfy the Bid Price Rule. To qualify, the Company will be required to meet the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other initial listing standards for the Nasdaq Capital Market with the exception of the Bid Price Rule, and will need to provide written notice of its intention to cure the deficiency during such additional compliance period, by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary. However, if it appears to Nasdaq staff that the Company will not be able to cure the deficiency, or if the Company is otherwise not eligible for the additional compliance period, and the Company does not regain compliance by the Compliance Date, the Nasdaq Capital Market will provide written notification to the Company that its common stock is subject to delisting. At that time, the Company may appeal the delisting determination to a hearings panel pursuant to the procedures set forth in the applicable Nasdaq Listing Rules. However, there can be no assurance that, if the Company does appeal the delisting determination by Nasdaq to the panel, such appeal would be successful.

The Company intends to actively monitor the closing bid price of its common stock and, as appropriate, will consider available options to regain compliance with the Bid Price Rule, including potentially seeking to effect a reverse stock split. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to regain compliance with Nasdaq’s Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) or will otherwise be in compliance with other Nasdaq listing criteria and that the Company will be able to maintain its listing with Nasdaq.
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 27, 2023

RIGETTI COMPUTING, INC.

By: /s/ Brian Sereda
Brian Sereda
Chief Financial Officer